(b) Rs. 9,393 was spent for maintenance in 1104. Rs. 2,897 lapsed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what is the amount spent for the maintenance of one mile of road by the Public Works Department?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—That varies with the type of the road. The Member for Engineering will tell that. There are first class roads, 2nd class roads, etc.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.— In the case of 1st class roads we spend about Rs. 500 to Rs.600, in the case of 2nd class roads between Rs. 100 and Rs. 200 or anything above Rs. 100.

Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So, am I to understand that it is not less than Rs. 100?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There are other kinds of roads such as short roads which are under,.....

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.— There are a few small roads on which we spend between Rs. 50 and Rs. 100.

President.—So Rs. 50 is the lowest.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.— Yes. Rs. 50 is the lowest.

President.—Rs. 50 is the lowest.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The total length of Panchayat roads is 467 and the amount spent is Rs. 9,393 and so it comes to about Rs. 22 per mile. May I know the different items of expenditure in maintaining this road by this Rs. 22?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— All this length of 467 miles of road does not as a matter of fact require the rate prevailing in P. W. D. No doubt Panchayat roads are of two classes, roads for vehicular traffic and for pedestrians. The question whether such roads used for vehicular traffic should be given a proper allotment is now being considered by the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Even this amount of Rs. 2,897 was allowed to lapse. May I know the reason for the same?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The lapse was due to works not being completed before the year closed.

Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

135. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been so far taken by the Government to translate into action the resolution passed by the Legislative Council about three years ago to open a Central

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Ayurvedic Hospital in the State and accepted by the Government; and what is the reason for so long a delay in giving effect to the resolution?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government had been closely watching the working of the Keraliya Ayurvedic Samajam Hospital with a view to see if there is any immediate necessity for giving effect to the resolution.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government have passed Proceedings accepting this resolution?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They have accepted this resolution.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it a condition in accepting the resolution that the Government would watch the working of the Keraliya Ayurvedic Samajam Hospital for establishing a Central Ayurvedic Hospital in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not a condition precedent in the Proceedings.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When did this condition come in?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— This condition came in when we tried to work it out.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How far did the Government work it out?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We prepared plans two or three times.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did the Superintendent of Panchayats submit any estimates to the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— He submitted estimates once or twice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to place that scheme on the Table.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Does it mean that, if the Keraliya Ayurvedic Samajam Hospital does not work well, the Government will not give effect to the resolution which the Government have already accepted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It does not mean that at all.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Am I to take it that, whether the Keraliya Ayurvedic Samajam Hospital works well or ill, the Government will give effect to the resolution passed by the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— If it works well, and if it improves considerably, we may give effect to the resolution for a Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In which case the Government will have to reconsider the Proceedings which the Government have passed with reference to this resolution.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It may have to do that.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How long a time would you require to watch the success or failure of this institution ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No time limit can be fixed now.

Irrigation works under investigation.

136. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

(a) what are the items of irrigation work which are now under investigation;

(b) what are the items of irrigation work which have fully been investigated but are not taken up yet for execution ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) (1) Opening an irrigation canal in Alur Village, Talappalli Taluk.

(2) Opening a canal to the east of Vettikadavu.

(3) Thanikudam scheme.

(4) Chalakkudi scheme.

(b) (1) Amballur scheme.

(2) Improvements to Manapat Chira.

(3) Irrigation canal in Vellarappalli.

(4) Opening a canal from Muriyad to Kakkathuruthi.

(5) Opening a canal from Alapad to Chazhur.

(6) Pallisseri and Marathakara diversion of the Karuvannur scheme.

Change of rules regarding nomination to Village Panchayats.

137. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Diwan-President did not ask the Panchayat Superintendent in the course of the discussion on the budget motions in 1101 to submit proposals for changing the rules governing the nomination to Village Panchayats;

(b) whether those rules have been changed within the last three years ; and if so, when ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes, on 15th Chingam 1105.

Applicants for the Directorship.

138. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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